

In one embodiment, the collar 28 is formed to have a sliding panel 32 that can move between an open and a closed position across the bag opening 26 (FIG. 6). The retainer member 60 has a substantially hemi-spherical portion 61 at its distal end having a beveled front edge 63 that engages the retainer opening 34 when the collar 28 is fully engaged with the mounting member 38. The engagement of the retainer member 60 with the retainer opening 34 operates to close the sliding panel 32 over the bag opening 26 upon removal of

4. The assembly of claim 1 wherein the mounting member is substantially planar, the anchor member is substantially

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planar, and the anchor member is constructed to have a shape complementary to the opening in the mounting member so that the assembly is substantially planar when in the working position.

5. The assembly of claim 4 further comprising a latch operable to releasably retain the assembly in the working position.

6. The assembly of claim 5 wherein the latch comprises a protrusion extending from the edge of the anchor member that engages the opening in the mounting member when the 10 assembly is in the working position.

7. A vacuum cleaner bag docking assembly, as claimed in claim 1, for use with vacuum cleaner bags having a retainer opening in the collar, the assembly comprising:

a protuberance on the mounting member positioned to be received by the retainer opening in the collar to hold the bag in place after insertion.

8. The assembly of claim 7 for use with a vacuum cleaner bag having the retainer opening positioned on a sliding panel in the collar and wherein the protuberance located on the mounting member such that removal of the collar from the mounting member while the protuberance is engaged with the retainer opening causes the sliding panel to move from an open position in which dirt is permitted to enter and exit the bag opening to a closed position in which dirt is prevented from entering or exiting the bag opening.

9. An upright vacuum cleaner comprising:

a handle assembly, at least a portion thereof comprising a dirty air conduit;

a dirty air outlet nozzle mounted to the handle assembly, the nozzle communicating with the dirty air conduit and projecting from the dirty air conduit for engagement with a vacuum bag;

an anchor member having a central opening for closely, releasably receiving the nozzle, the anchor member being sufficiently deformable to permit the central opening to be engaged with or removed from the nozzle; and

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a mounting member releasably connected to the anchor member and movable between a loading position in which the vacuum bag is inserted into or removed from the mounting member and a working position in which an opening in the vacuum bag engages the nozzle, the mounting member restricting deformation of the anchor member when connected thereto to restrict the anchor member from being removed from the nozzle.

10. The assembly of claim 9 wherein the loading position is separated from the working position by an angle greater than 90 degrees.

11. The assembly of claim 9 further comprising a latch operable to releasably retain the assembly in the working position.

12. A vacuum cleaner bag docking assembly, as claimed in claim 9, for use with vacuum bags having a retainer opening in the collar, the assembly comprising:

a protuberance on the mounting member positioned to be received by the retainer opening in the collar to hold the vacuum bag in place after insertion.

13. The assembly of claim 12 for use with a vacuum cleaner bag with the retainer opening positioned on a sliding panel in the collar and wherein the protuberance is located on the mounting member such that removal of the collar from the mounting member while the protuberance is engaged with the retainer opening causes the sliding panel to move from an open position in which dirt is permitted to enter and exit the bag opening to a closed position in which dirt is prevented from entering or exiting the bag opening.

14. A vacuum cleaner bag docking assembly, as claimed in claim 1, for use with vacuum cleaner bags in which the collar has opposing side margins, an end margin, and corner portions between the end margin and the opposing side margins, and in which at least one corner portion is beveled at an angle to the end margin and the adjacent side margin; the bag docking assembly comprising a portion which closely conforms to the at least one corner portion.

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